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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Naval Intelligence

SUBJECT: Request for Intelligence estimate

1. CIA has under consideration the preparation of an estimate on "The Importance of Ireland to the Security of the US." It is believed that such an estimate may be of importance at this time in view of the attitude taken by the Irish government on the Atlantic Pact negotiations.
2. In connection with the preparation of the proposed estimate, it is requested that the Chief of the Office of Naval Intelligence furnish CIA with his conclusions regarding the strategic importance of Ireland, from the navy point of view, to US security as of the present time and as of 1954.
3. The Director of Intelligence, General Staff, US Army, and the Director of Intelligence, EC/O, Hq. USAF, are being requested to furnish their conclusions from the army and air points of view, respectively.
4. [REDACTED] (Extension 2683) should be called should additional information concerning this request be desired.

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